

Record enrollment fills classes, campus

by Jennifer Shirley
page editor

TJC has reached an all-time high enrollment this fall with 9,060 students on the twelfth class day, Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said.

University Studies Dean Dr. Robert Peters, said spring 2002 enrollment was about 8,438 and both summer terms were up with an estimated 4,000 students combined.

With approximately 500 more students this fall than last, and 400 to 450 full and part-time teachers, classrooms are full and seats are hard to find.

The growing number of students also increases parking problems. Campus Safety Chief Randy Melton said the biggest parking problem occurs in "prime-time" between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., the peak class times.

Although 375 more spaces were added by re-stripping the



Photo by: Bennie Adkins

large student parking lots, 300 more are still needed during prime-time, according to Walker Parking Consultants surveyed of available parking.

Students complain that the new spots are smaller, but

Melton said they are all regulation-size parking spaces make more efficient use of available space.

Stripes have also been added along campus area streets to create more room and

—Students creating their own parking spaces, like parking outside the lines.

—Parking in faculty spaces, public streets, on wrong sides of the street and in no parking anytime zones.

Only few minor wrecks have been reported so far.

The first few weeks are always hectic, Melton said. He suggested ways to adjust:

- Carpooling
- Coming early to school
- Being prepared to walk

Although parking problems continue, TJC President Dr. William Crowe said, "We believe we have made a significant impact on the parking problem."

"However, we are also aware that there is a need to prepare for continued growth in enrollment and we are committed to addressing this need in the coming years," he said.

Students find lives changed by Sept. 11

by Bennie Adkins
co-editor

On Sept. 11, 2001 firefighters were digging through piles of rubble, while inhaling clouds of dust. Rescue crews scrambled desper-

ately in search of finding bodies. People around the Nation watched television to get the most recent updates.

One year later America remains standing, holding our ground, while fighting terrorism.

For two centuries Americans have felt comfortable and safe about our country. Wednesday will begin a new year, new day and a new outlook for many students. Some people appreciate life more and some just believe the attacks were bound to happen. Many, were shocked, believe the attacks happened for a reason. Whatever they believed about the security of our country a year ago has changed.

Miranda Crawford, 18, a French major from Chapel Hill, said, the attacks did not change her life but she was stunned by what happened.

"At first, I didn't know if it was a terroristic act and I was scared that we were going to war," Amber Adcock, 18, a radiology major from

Lindale, said.

Anthony Fields, a history major from Louisiana, said, it hurt him emotionally but now he feels the need to be more prepared.

Erica Comelio, 18, nursing major from Tyler, said, "I was really surprised as I watched it all happen on television."

Provi Hernandez, 19, education major from Wells, said, "What happened on Sept. 11 has made me more prepared for life after death. I really think about it a lot now."

Darryl Warren, 20, a sophomore chemistry major from Tyler, said, "The event of Sept. 11 has taught me that life is important and you should do everything you could possibly do because your life could end at any moment."

Kristin White, 18, an education major from Van, reacted by helping hot-wire television sets together to find out more information.

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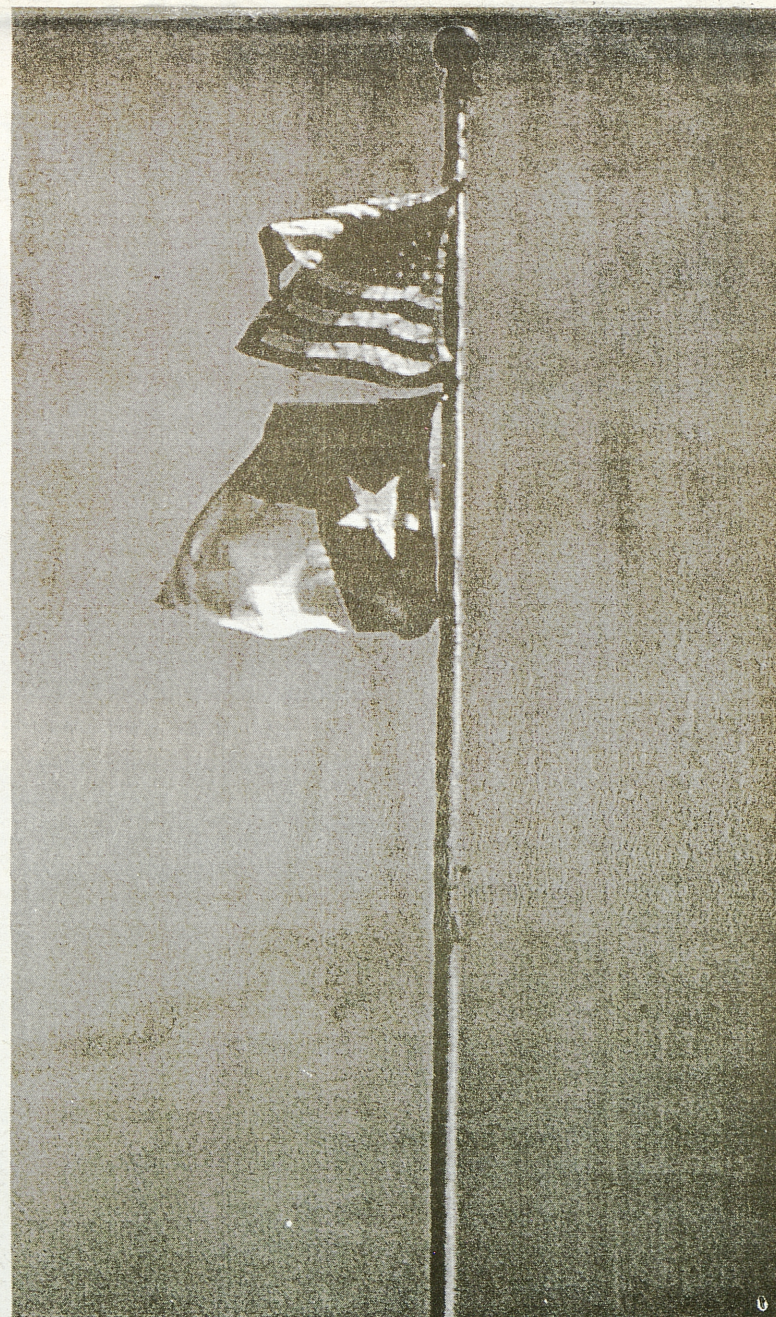


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U.S. and Texas flags fly every day on the campus front lawn where a memorial service is planned Wednesday.

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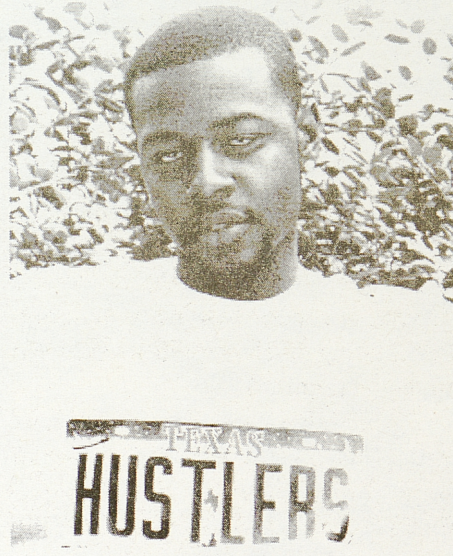
-Rico Dixon

"The girls were acting like they liked me but they really didn't"



-Shania Skief

"I didn't expect to park wa-a-a-y by the tennis court and walk to Rogers."



-Tyron Shumate

"It's not as exciting as I thought it would be"



-Tasha Leon

"My teacher told me not to come to class if I wasn't going to be on time."

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Student recall best, worst as they begin semester

by Ashley Whittington
staff writer

"Hmm, where is Genecov again?" she ponders as she strolls down the sidewalk, paying no attention to the steps just ahead. All of a sudden she stumbles, drops her books and almost falls flat on her face.

"Oh, no, I hope no one saw that," she thinks as her face flushes a rosy shade of pink. During the first week of classes, this and other embarrassing moments happened to many.

"The worst thing that happened to me is when I tripped and fell down the stairs. Thankfully, though, no one saw me," Mikaila Nelson, 18, a nursing major from Tatum, said.

While some only suffered from having two left feet, for Mykal Duquette, 18, a broadcast journalism major from

Winona, his worst moment was more severe.

"On the first day of classes, I sprained my wrist in cheerleading practice that morning and missed all my classes because I had to go to the doctor," Duquette said.

Other students discovered good moments during their first

week on campus.

"The best thing that happened to me was that I was able to minister to a variety of college students on campus," Patrick Lissner, 19, a religion major from Big Sandy, said.

Jessica Adkins, 18, a dental hygiene major from Yantis, said, "The best thing that hap-

pened to me was that I was finally able to give a speech in front of an audience without being nervous.

Many students were glad to reunite with old friends.

"I was excited when I found out that I had a class with some

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Studying in sunshine — Diego Garcia and Wilber Medina watch as their friend Osman Dominguez studies at table in front of Vaughn Library. Sunny September days make outdoors a pleasant place to gather between classes.

Photo by Bennie Adkins

Big Brothers, Big Sisters seek mentors

by Amber Allsbrooks
co-editor

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tyler need adults to spend time with 6 to 15 year olds in five programs: Reaching Out, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Who program, Phone Friends and Apache Pals.

Lori Heidrick, program coordinator for Reaching Out, stressed how important it is to help these students. These children need "someone with a big heart, not a big wallet," to spend time with them during or after school, she said. Children considered "at risk:"

- live in a single parent home
- have low self esteem
- are failing one or more classes
- have been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder
- have high absences relates in school

A mentor in the Reaching Out program becomes a friend, tutor and role model for

a 6 to 15 year old student from a single parent homes who need additional help. They commit for one semester to spend at least one hour a week with their student, at school helping with homework, eating lunch or going to class. No money is required.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters take their child on day trips like baseball games, fishing and Six Flags. Forty-five students are on the waiting list.

These children need "someone with a big heart, not a big wallet"

This program is funded by the Junior League Grant. School District sponsors the pro-

gram all Tyler elementary schools.

Phone Friends help their kids release emotions by talking to an adult by phone. Students who have had a rough day at school or need someone to talk to can call a number and reach an adult will listen to their fears and frustrations or good advice. Phone Friends, serve from 3 to 5 p.m. Last year Phone Friends took 1,000 calls on school days.

The Apache Pals program at Dogan

Middle school serves students who need adult supervision after school. The program is to teach students the importance of staying in school. Only two mentors have signed up, so far Melinda Coker, career planning and placement services director said. They need at least 20 to 25 mentors available on a weekly basis. Mentors must commit to spend a full semester with one student. The Apache Pals started mentioning Sept. 9 when they met their students at Dogan Middle School. To become a mentor call Melinda Coker at 903-510-2334.

For more information on Big Brothers and Big Sisters or to apply to become a mentor call 903-592-0582. For information on the Reaching Out program call 903-592-0892 and to become a Phone Friend call 903-592-1300.

Students say Sept. 11 changed them

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out more information.

John Montano, 17, music major from Grandsaline, said he reacted with pain and anger, "It made me realize how susceptible Americans are to attacks and human life should not be taken for granted."

Devyn Jones, 18, nursing major from Emory, said she reacted with confusion. The experience has made her more nervous of riding in airplanes.

Melanie Baldwin, 18, a therapy major from Tyler, said she is more patriotic than she used to be and she realizes America is not as strong as we thought.

John Gable, 23, an art major from Van, said, "I lost a sense of security because of the destruction."

Megan Belfower, 21, a zoology major from Tyler, said, "I thought it was a joke," when she first heard about the Sept. 11 attacks.

Laci Parker, 18, an art major from Van, said, "I thought the world was ending."

Geoffrey Gargota, 19, a theater major from Lindale, said, "I was walking to a workshop when a friend came up and told me. The whole attack made me appreciate the United States more."

Most people, when asked, will be able to tell the exact location and time of day when they received the news. Some students have special plans for Wednesday.

Hillary Thomas, 18, a nursing major from Dallas, said she will never forget. "I was at school, sitting down, running my mouth," Thomas said.

Daniel Roraback, 18, a criminal jus-

tice major from Jefferson, was in his English class when he learned of the attacks. "We stopped doing work to watch TV all day."

Johny McMillan, 45, a radiology major from Van, will attend a service at his church Tuesday to pray for all affected by Sept. 11.

Tanisha Florence, 18, from Tyler, said, "I was so scared. I thought this was the end of the world." Wednesday she plans to attend church to pray for those whose lives were lost.

Ron Wall, 18, a psychology major

from Tyler, said he watched the attacks take place "in my high school library on TV." Afterwards he was "speechless for about 45 minutes." Wall said the attacks "opened my views to how other societies feel and think." He plans to wear a ribbon Wednesday to remember the day.

Kim Cooks, 18, a pre-law major from Winona, said, "I didn't know how serious it was at first." She plans to be at home praying it will not happen again.

Ashley Thomas, 20, a criminal jus-

tice major from Tyler, said she has been more into church. "It has made me get more religious, and made me realize how I can't take life for granted," Thomas said. This week she plans to say a prayer for everyone who lost in the tragic events.

Tacresha Whitaker, 19, nursing major from Tyler, said, "It hurt me because I had to see innocent people lost. I felt blessed because I wasn't there, and I learned that we need to get our lives together today, right now." She plans to go to church to pray for the families and give them a thought, and realize that God does things for a reason.

Victoria Gurrusquieta, 19, X-ray technology major, said, "It was horrible." Gurrusquieta said Sept. 11 hasn't really changed her life. Her plans for Wednesday are not certain.

Duffy Louis, 27, a kinesiology major from Jacksonville, said, "An event like this makes you realize you're not as safe as you used to be." Sept. 11 is his son's birthday and Louis plans to spend this memorable day with him.

Sue Chester, 20, education major from Tyler, said, "I will probably be at home on Sept. 11."

Many students surveyed said they are just hoping that nothing else happens this Sept. 11 and just praying to live another day.

Amber Wilson, 19, a dentistry major from Tyler, said her plans are uncertain. "As long as I am having fun and alive, I'll think I will be O.K.," Wilson said.

Student lives her American dream

by Elena Hunter
staff writer

Despite the Sept. 11 tragedy, international students still come to this country to experience our culture and to improve their English skills. Arika Pravitasari was one who came to Texas after the terrorist attacks. Last year on September 11, Pravitasari was at her home in Jakarta, Indonesia. As America's tornado of terrorism darkened skies soon after sun rise, dusk settled upon the people of Indonesia, images and sounds of the attacks would haunt their dreams.

"I was shocked, I couldn't believe it that was so awful! It's so hard for me to say the right words, but even though I am not from this country, I know I felt really bad. How could somebody do such a mean thing like that?" Pravitasari said.

Her dream to come and experience America did not change. Her plans to come to Tyler were being finalized even before last September. Most important, her heart remained determined. She knew she would find many more positive people and aspects about America that no one could take away. Sept. 11, Pravitasari plans to take a few moments to reflect and pray for the American people, for her people back home, and for people around the world.

Discover

Nurse may be best-kept secret

by Elena Hunter
staff writer

One of TJC's best-kept secrets is the nursing service for students right here on campus. Her office is discreetly located upstairs in the Rogers Student Center directly beside the pool hall. For almost two years, Registered Nurse Cynthia Bowden has directed the office.

Bowden has nursing degrees from both Tyler Junior College and University of Texas in Tyler. Bowden's clinic offers much more than just a convenient location.

Students, faculty, and staff can get free and low cost basic medical services. Free services include: Doctor referrals, blood pressure checks, minor wound care, rapid strep tests and some over the counter medicines. Medicines she dispenses are aspirin, cough syrup, antacids, migronex, cramp medication, and other pain



medications. Students who have allergies can get their medicines by showing prescriptions.

Lowcost services include vaccines such as Hepatitis B/C, tuberculosis tests, and occasional flu shots.

"The cost of each shot is \$100 which is still lower than what any other clinic can give you. These shots at community clinics and hospitals cost a minimum of \$180. If the students are interested in getting any of these shots, they can just pay at the White Administration and bring the receipt back to us," Bowden said.

The clinic is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The nursing staff invites students to come for help.

"We are glad to serve you and answer any medical questions you may have, or you can just come and rest for a spell if you're not feeling well," Bowden said.

Photo by Jennifer Shirley

Familiar pests pose serious danger

by Joshua Russell
staff writer

A familiar little pest is bringing a big menace to Texas: the West Nile Virus. Though people over 60 are more sensitive to the virus, Chief Environmental Health Department Expert Brenda Elrod said everyone should follow the 4Ds. Issued by the Texas Dept. of Health, these are:

- Dress appropriately
- avoid Dusk and Dawn
- use Deet
- Drain water

"By dressing appropriately we mean wearing light-colored clothing," Elrod said. Darker colors attract mosquitoes.

"Deet is the best spray to use to ward off mosquitoes," she said.

"Where there is water, there

will be mosquitoes, so always drink water that has been indoors and avoid water outdoors because that is where the mosquitoes stay," she said. Drain water that accumulates in buckets, garbage cans and old tires.

Symptoms of West Nile virus are fever, headaches and an achy feeling throughout the body. The West Nile Virus cases will move slowly throughout Texas and the United States, but are not expected to end.

"Since Texas only has one or two frosts a year, more mosquitoes survive the winter," Elrod said. "This means more chances of West Nile virus cases". Texas Health Department officials believe, the West Nile virus will be responsible for over 1,000 deaths in the U.S. before the disease ends.

New managers improve campus tastes

by Elena Hunter
staff writer

More students are leaving the campus food facilities with full stomachs and satisfied smiles. Cups and plates come back empty because people are eating, not just once, but over and over, and day after day. Finally students and faculty are eating because they want to, not because they have to. This new attitude can be credited to the food new service management.

Valley Services of Jackson, Miss. now operates all campus food service: the cafeteria in Rogers Student Center, Deli Depot in Pirtle Tech and Featherstons adjacent to TJC Bookstore in the Student Center. The company plans to bring fresh ideas to the table. With the assistance of District Manager Bill Sabbatini, campus food staff began applying fresh new ideas to both food and services.

"I feel TJC chose to go along with our company for the quality of service, food and equal partnership and commitment to everyone involved," Sabbatini said. One of the first improvements is the, "all you can eat policy." Customers go

through line, get their food and pay. With their receipt, anyone can return through line and get more food as many times as they want during any meal.

Dining Room Supervisor David Beckham said, "One of the reasons for receiving a receipt after every serving, is each time a person goes through line, we can manage how much food to produce on a daily basis."

"By rescanning a student's card, we can assess the likes/dislikes of specific food items. If for example, on a particular day we introduce our spaghetti, and 60 percent or 70 percent of students return for seconds or thirds, our machine tells us we hit on something good. So we know to repeat spaghetti on the menu another time. We want to give you the taste and variety in our food we know you deserve, instead of wast-

ing unwanted food," Sabbatini said. All who eat in the cafeteria can now purchase any item they want. For instance, someone who wants

Depot, where Sub connection used to be.

The name Featherstons, Sabbatini said, "Comes from the

selection with the same quality of service as the cafeteria. Hours have also increased and prices are lower for Featherstons and Deli Depot.

"I have been working for the food management here for five years," Beckham said. "I've never seen such a positive reaction towards our food and services from both students and faculty. The improvement shows in a dramatic increase in attendance from both students and faculty, to date, 75 percent and 85 percent for students," Sabbatini said.



Photo by: Bennie Adkins

Student Blake Iland receives his change from Charity Band at Featherstons.

only a Coke and dessert can pay for just those items. This is known as a la carte dining. people also can request take out boxes with management's approval, he said.

Valley Services operates two alternative eating options: Featherstons, formerly in the Chic-Fil-A location, and Deli

great genius work of our marketing department. We figure people can connect feathers with chicken.

Deli Depot, is in our C Store where we have increased candy and other convenience products," he said. Both Featherstons and Deli Depot also offer more variety of food

"Dave and I feel our main goal is to have a positive working environment for both employees and customers. We desire nothing less than 100 percent satisfaction. We highly value our new business partnership with TJC, and I hope we can continue to serve you on a long term basis," Sabbatini said.

campus life



Photo by: Jennifer Shirley

Kandace Sutton, 18, registers to vote for the first time.

200 potential voters register Sept. 4

by Jennifer Shirley
page editor

Almost 200 became registered voters Sept. 4 as KLTU, Phi Kappa and the Student Senate sponsored a Voter's Registration Drive in Jenkins Hall.

Senate workers encouraged the other students to register as they walked by.

"Especially since Sept. 11 is

around the corner, the greatest threat to our civil liberty is not Osama bin Laden but our own government. It is important to vote so we can have the opportunity to change things," Brandon Baade, 22, from the Student Senate, said.

The next general election is scheduled Nov. 5.

Campus clubs meet varied interests

by Sara Dickerson
staff writer

Joining one of the 35 different clubs and organizations might help freshmen find friends with similar interests. They can also be the answer for sophomores who have realized the importance of being involved on campus groups. From groups built around one's major to those who help others, someplace is a bunch of students with shared interests.

Those interested in physical activities may like the Apache Spirit Squad, a group that performs dance and pom routines at local high schools and basketball games.

Tae Kwon Do Club is now looking for members to form the Competition Team and the Demonstration Team. The Chess Club is open to anyone interested in playing chess each week.

If science floats your boat, look into the Society of Physics Students, open to anyone interested in physics. Those on the computer side of science, may enjoy Epsilon Delta Pi, the computer science club, which includes community service and field trips for its members.

The Geology Club, open to anyone interested in geologic subject matter, conducts educational activities for members. The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) is dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of all fields of engineering.

Alpha Omicron chapter of

Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community college students, invites those with high grades into membership.

The Association of Addiction Counseling Students is open to those involved in, taking classes in, or majoring in addiction counseling.

The Latin American Student Association which stays abreast of issues affecting students with Central and South American backgrounds or ancestry.

Winning Opportunity for Women is open to women students interested in careers, business skills and etiquette.

The Volunteer Association is a great place to get involved in community service opportunities such as Special Olympics, Azalea Run and the Tyler Rose Festival.

The Criminal Justice Student Association is open to anyone interested in criminal justice, majors as well as non-majors.

All students can run for office in the Student Senate, the student government for the school.

The Residence Hall Association is composed of elected representatives of each Residence Hall.

To learn more about any of these groups, or to form one around your own interests, contact Scott Nalley, director of student activities, at 510-2613, or go to his office on the second floor of Rogers Student Center.

Blood drive needs donors

by Jennifer Shirley
page editor

The Health Fair will include a blood drive Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Rec room of Rogers Student Center.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be at least 17 years old, and present a photo i.d. to give blood.

Students with tattoos can donate blood only if the tattoo

is at least one year old, and not have taken any anti-depressants, or serious medication in the last six months.

The Fair is a Phi Theta Kappa service project.

Cafeteria

Hours- Regular Breakfast: 7 - 9 am
Continental Breakfast: 9 - 10:30 am
Lunch: 11 am - 2 pm
Dinner: 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Commuter Prices- Breakfast: \$3.25 plus tax
Lunch: \$3.75 plus tax
Dinner: \$4.25 plus tax

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Featherstons

Hours- 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

Menu Items- Chicken fingers, Buffalo wings,
Wraps, Salads, Fried okra, Desserts

Prices vary according to menu item

Deli Depot

Hours- 7 am - 7 pm

Menu Items- Hot / cold sandwiches, Candy selections, Ices,
Cappucinos, Other special coffees

Prices vary according to menu

'Big Fat Greek Wedding' fresh, funny

by John Baggett
staff writer

In the last few years, romantic comedy has become a rather transparent genre. Not since "Chasing Amy" have we seen a truly original romantic comedy. Lately, the only way to differentiate one from another is that sometimes the character names used by Julia Roberts and Richard Gere start to get different. They are now starting to run out of names. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" may possibly answer a lot of prayers for an honestly good chick-flick. But to call this it a chick-flick is unfair, because

even the most manly "XXX" fan can enjoy this movie.

Although it is ridden with a lot of the general romantic comedy clichés such as the disappearing family and the ugly duckling romantic female lead, they are presented in such a charming, amusing way, the material almost seems fresh.

The film follows the non-exciting, non-existent love life of Toula Portokalos (played by Nia Vardalos who also wrote the film), a 30-year-old unmarried woman working at her family's restaurant with her father, charmingly played by Michael Constantine.

He worries that his daughter will never marry, constantly tells her she looks old and believes all of life's ailments can be cured by Windex.

Toula is burdened by her heritage, because as a Greek woman, she is allowed to marry only a Greek guy and have Greek babies.

But, a chance encounter with Ian ("Northern Exposure" star John Corbett), a high school English teacher, turns her life around. She changes her looks, enrolls in college and goes to work at her aunt's travel agency.

She meets Ian again at her new

job and, in grand romantic comedy fashion, sparks fly and a relationship blooms. She hides the relationship from her family, because Ian is stunningly not Greek. Her family soon finds out and her father orders the relationship to end. Acting as immaturely as a teenager, she continues to see Ian behind their backs. Of course, Ian proposes and, of course, she accepts. Now a new nightmare ensues — getting her family to accept this non-Greek, vegetarian man she loves.

Most of the film's humor comes from the abuse Ian takes from Toula's relatives and how un-

like their families are. The result; a funny and fresh comedy about love, the importance of family and tolerance of outsiders.

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding" is one of the funniest comedies and one of the freshest feeling films out this summer. Vardalos' script allows the world to get a glimpse of the Greek lifestyle and culture. She draws in audiences with great dialogue and a level of intelligence that entertains without locker room humor.

This is one film that leaves you wanting to see it again and again...right now.

Students begin work on show

by Sara Dickerson
staff writer

Theater students will be busy preparing for and performing two plays: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare, and "The Little Foxes" by Lillian Hellman.

Dr. David W. Crawford will direct "A Midsummer Night's Dream," assisted by students Shannon Lane and Robert Ramos. These will run Oct. 8-13 in Jean Browne Theatre.

Cast includes: P.J. Norman as Theseus, Geoffrey Gargotta as Demetrius, Ron Wall as Philostrate and Kevin Blount as Quince.

Others in the cast are: Monroe Page as Bottom, Luke Jones as Flute, Darren Pasquarelli as Starveling, Robbie Lee Waters as Hippolyta, Cassie Watson as

Hermia and Christy Cole as Helena.

Bridget Sullivan will play Mustardseed, Dyllan Hammett, Snug; Clent Wyatt, Snout; Wilber Perdomo, Egeus; Taylor Flowers, Lysander and Charlene Risner, Sentinel.

Also in the cast are Ricky Grice as Oberon, Lori McCarty as Titania, Ashley Shelton as Puck, April Martinez as Peaseblossom, Jennifer Meyer as Cobweb and Lee Jane Walker as Moth.

One of Shakespeare's most popular comedies the play focuses on star-crossed lovers, rivalries in fairyland and the aspirations of a bumbling troupe of common laborers.

"Little Foxes", directed by Clarence L. Strickland, will begin casting in late October. Performances run Nov. 21-26 in Jean Browne Theatre.

All students can audition for theater productions

by Lacey Teel
staff writer

Although the cast is rehearsing the first theater production, students have three more opportunities to get involved in theatre productions.

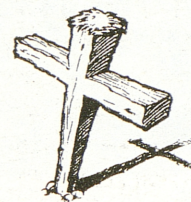
Any TJC student, credit or non-credit, in theater classes or not can tryout for any show, Speech and The-

ater Department Chair Dr. David Crawford said.

In the past, the participants have been theatre majors, regular majors, and anyone interested in dream and/or theatre to "increase their talent and encourage others," Dr. Crawford said.

The deadline to sign up for auditions is when the student(s) show up at

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Friendly Baptist Church College Ministry

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Headline for Springsteen

by John Baggett
staff writer

While he's no hero and it's understood, New Jersey's Bruce Springsteen is definitely one of the most prolific artists of the twentieth century. And after 30 years in rock and roll—he is back with what could be the most important album of his career—"The Rising."

What exactly makes "Rising" so important? For starters, it is the first full length

studio album Springsteen has recorded with E-Street Band in the 18 years since their 1984 album "Born In The USA." Most significant is that every song was inspired by the events of Sept. 11th, 2001.

Springsteen has written about tragedy and suffering, especially since the mid-90s. Sometimes he was great, like the Oscar-winning "Streets of Philadelphia," the Oscar-nominated "Dead Man Walk-

ing" and 1999's "American Skin (41 Shots)" for which he was honored by the NAACP.

But sometimes it wasn't so great - like "Secret Garden" from "Jerry Maguire," or the entire "Ghost Of Tom Joad" album.

"The Rising" is different. With his collaboration with E-Street the album manages to get its message across and sounds just like every previous album featuring the band. The only way to hear the songs

poignant message is to listen to the words. Otherwise, the listener just gets lost in the "E-Street Shuffle."

The songs lyrical aspect, is sometimes difficult to decipher. Springsteen's message of 9/11, sometimes it is blatantly obvious as his tribute to the New York Fire Department "Into The Fire." On it he sings, "You gave your love to see / In the fields of red and autumn brown / You gave your love to me / And lay

your body down."

On "Worlds Apart," Springsteen sings about tolerance and understanding the Muslim community.

The album is a beautiful and haunting masterpiece, fitting, hard rocking-tribute to the absolute worst tragedy in our nation's history. Time will make this one of Springsteen's most highly-regarded albums.

Auditions

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auditions. When auditioning, know that "each director has a different method of auditioning," Dr. Crawford said. "I have a cattle call."

"I have public readings," Mr. Victor Siller said.

"I stand on the stage and the students read from their seats in the audience," Mr. Clarence Strickland said.

"Auditions are usually the day following a closing," Dr. Crawford said. Dates are sub-

ject to change. Audition dates are as follows:

"The Little Foxes" - Oct. 13, 2002

"Footloose" - Jan. 18, 2003, sing and dance; Jan. 19, 2003, act

"A Flea in Her Ear" - March 3

For more information, contact Dr. Crawford. To find out when scripts are available, call 510-2211.

First days filled with good, not so good

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friends I hadn't seen since middle school," Amanda Van, 18, a dance major from Mineola, said.

Tara Rice, 18, a radiology major from Chapel Hill, said her only trouble "was being late to just about every one of her classes."

Many, like Bobbie Kralka, 21, from Longview, complained about the "lack of parking spaces and the time it took to actually find one."

Others like Arlena Eads, a nursing major from Rockport, received exciting news the first week. "The

best thing that happened to me was that I got approved for my financial aid," she said.

Likewise, Jason Jessup, 32, an automotive technology major from Tyler, said the best thing that happened to him was he "got a 100 on a test."

Some like Carmen Roy, 18, a speech therapy major from Bullard, were a little disappointed with the first week. "The worst thing was that no guys hit on me."

Stormie Hall, 21, an information systems and technical support major from Wills

Point, experienced an embarrassing moment, when her "first teacher yelled at me in front of the whole class just for being five minutes late."

It was just the opposite for Virginia "Ginny" Laubhan, an interdisciplinary studies major from Amarillo. "The best thing that happened to me was that I was elected Phi Theta Kappa president."

From reuniting with old friends, to missing the whole first day of school, many students found the first week full of memorable experiences.



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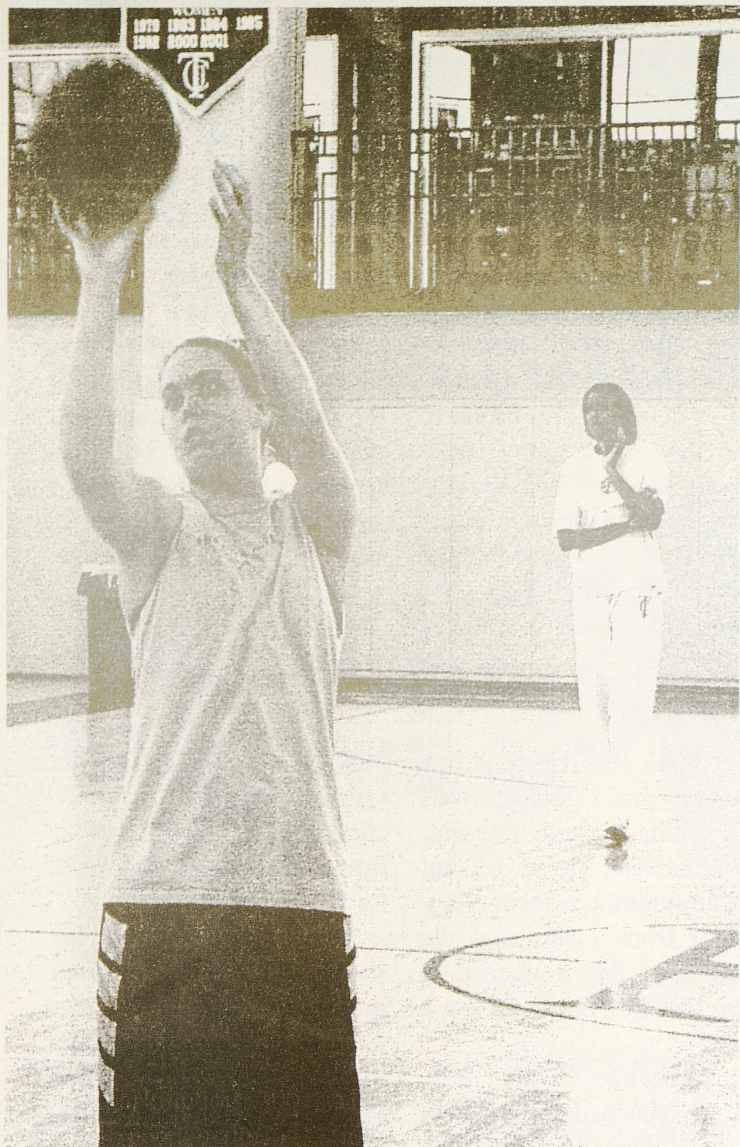
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TOSSING THE BALL—Freshman Apache Ladies basketball player Brooke Busby practices free throws. Hours of practice on fundamentals strengthen skills under the watchful eyes of the coach.

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Young team expects good year

by Amber Haddock
staff writer

This year's volleyball team is "very young" compared to last year's team which included four returning starters, Coach Dana Hatch said.

This year only one player, Felica Thompson, returned. Thompson said she "feels very confident in this year's team. We are definitely

going to be in the national tournament!"

The Apaches Ladies will compete in a new conference this year, but they will still play Navarro College, Blinn College and Panola College for the conference title.

Panola has six returning players plus a new setter and a new coach. Hatch believes

Blinn will be their biggest problem, but she said her team will be ready to step out on the court when game time arrives. She said she is very confident this year's Apache Ladies will play for the national title.

The Ladies played their first tournament here, Sept. 6-7. Admission to games is free for students with TJC ID.

Apaches hope for Bowl bid

by John Baggett
staff writer

The Apache Football Team hope to make their way to their third bowl trip in three years. With 11 returning players and 21 freshmen, they just might achieve their goal.

"My hopes are that we can hang on and win a few games before we start getting good and we finish strong," Head Coach Dale Carr said.

Defensive stars are Nino Willims and Ronald Jenkins. On offense Eric Morris, the guy Carr refers to as "the top linebacker in the league," and receivers Paris Hamilton,

Rodney Stewart, Anthony Kesler, and Brian Bishop show important assets.

The Apaches opened with a 14-12 victory over Navarro College Aug. 31. Jared Boyd scored the first touchdown on a five-yard run in the first quarter. Chris Smith made the extra point.

Paris Hamilton caught a 58-yard pass from quarterback Chris Merrill to make the play of the game.

Despite the win, Carr criticized his Apaches' performance. "We dodged a bullet," Carr said. "We didn't play

that well, but we got lucky and won."

Yet Carr remains hopeful about the year. "I see a lot of potential in this team," he said.

The Apaches' two toughest opponents will be Trinity Valley Community College and Northeastern Oklahoma University because they have the most returning players and the most depth in the conference, Carr said.

The Apaches will play at Kilgore College Sept. 14.

Soccer Coach Clements optimistic about his new job, new team

by Phedra Johnson
staff writer

Starting out in a new state, at a new school, with a new team is no easy task. Yet TJC's new soccer coach, Steve Clements, is optimistic. After nine years with Meridian Community College in Meridian,

Miss. Clements chose TJC.

"For me, this campus's draw was its great program facility, wonderful staff and hard working players," Clements said.

Clement's team got off to a rough start, winning two of three games Aug. 30-31 to

finish second in a tournament in St. Louis, Mo.

"Last weekend's game was a little dirty, but we intend to clean it up and play hard," Clements said. "I'm looking forward to a really great season."

Tennis coach predicts tough season

by Bo Wickliff
staff writer

Tennis Coach John Peterson recently resigned as athletic director to concentrate on coaching his tennis teams. Both men's and women's teams won national titles last spring.

The women have won five national championships in a row, while the men are working on their second consecutive title.

Both teams are going to look a little different than they did last year, Peterson said.

The No. 5 and 6 ranked

men players as well as the No. 2 and No. 4 women from the 2002 teams are back. The coach is still making cuts, he said.

No. 1 men's player is Jordan Farths, while Catalina Isles, Leslie Stewart and Judith Diaz are in a tie for that spot, Peterson said.

Competition looks a little tough this year, Peterson said, with strong contenders for the national championships.

"I want to win every tournament and every match this year. I'm very confident in

myself and in the players that we will do very well this year," Peterson said. "I have no doubt in my mind that we will achieve this goal."

Since he gave up the athletic director responsibilities, Peterson said, "My day is exclusively tennis. This is a positive thing because I can give my players more attention, which will hopefully make this year be more special."

The women play their first tournament Sept. 21-22, and the men's first tournament will be Oct. 23-24.

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